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REQUEST FOR REMOVING THE FINALITY OF AN OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a)

Box AF Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a), applicant(s) request that the finality of the Office

Action dated February 12, 2001 be removed.

- The earliest effective U.S. filing date for this application is prior to June 8, 1993. X
- This request is made prior to the filing of an appeal brief and prior to X abandonment of the application.
- This is applicant(s) first request for removing the finality of an Office Action. X
- A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and PTO form 1449 is filed X herewith.

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The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$740.00 fee to Remove Finality of an Office Action Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.129(a) as set forth in § 1.17(r). Fee Transmittal form (PTO/SB/17) is attached to this submission in duplicate.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this request, or to credit any overpayment, to <a href="Deposit Account No. 03-1952">Deposit Account No. 03-1952</a> referencing Docket No. 223002006316.

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